

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached revised sheet 1 of drawings includes changes to Figure 1 requested by the Examiner to more clearly show the elements of Claim 9.

Summary of the Telephonic Interview with the Examiner

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.133, a summary of the telephonic interview between Examiner Noah Kamen and Attorney for Applicant Dawn C. Wolff on 7 November, 2005 is provided below. The Examiner contacted the Applicant's attorney to discuss the fact that he had reviewed an IDS submitted by Applicant based on a foreign search report, which had crossed in the mail with Examiner's Notice of Allowance. The Examiner indicated that upon review of the new art submitted, he could not allow all claims in the application. However, the Examiner indicated that Claim 9 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form. Upon consideration, the Applicant's attorney agreed to cancel all claims except Claim 9, to rewrite Claim 9 in independent form, and to modify Figure 1 to more clearly show the unique feature of allowed Claim 9. Thus, agreement was reached between the Examiner and Applicant's Attorney. Applicant's Attorney thanks the Examiner for his review and the courtesy extended in the interview.

Remarks/Arguments

Per telephonic conversation with the Examiner, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-8 and 10-15, and amended Claim 9 to incorporate all the elements of independent Claim 9 therein. Additionally, Applicant has modified Figure 1 to more clearly show the relief cuts in the connecting rod as claimed in Claim 9. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner, and has amended this Amendment to include the above Summary of the Interview as required by 37 CFR 1.133, which was overlooked in the previous version of this amendment. No other substantive changes have been made to the content of the amendment. It is believed that these amendments satisfy the Examiner's request and that the application, with these modifications, continues to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information or modifications, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

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Respectfully,


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